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### RENEWED PETITION TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR PATENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.47(a) ON BEHALF OF JOINT INVENTOR WHO CANNOT BE **FOUND**

Mail Stop PETITION Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 A'ITN: E. Shirene Willis Via Facsimile (703)872-9306

Applicants hereby submit this Renewed Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) in response to the Decision mailed August 13, 2004, dismissing the Petition filed July 16, 2004. The Applicants' underlying Petition is to make the above-identified application for patent on behalf of Takeshi Kimura, a joint inventor who cannot be found or reached after diligent efforts to find and reach him. In support of this Petition, Applicants submit the following:

1. Declaration executed by Takaaki Negoro and Keiji Fujimoto on their own behalf and on behalf of Takeshi Kimura, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 409.03(a). The 1833760 v1; 13@XS011.DOC DSMDB.1833760.1

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last known mailing address for Mr. Kimura has been included on the Declaration which has been resigned by the other inventors.

- 2. Declaration of S. Tomita supporting this Petition on behalf of the Assignec, Ricoh Company, Ltd. explaining the diligent efforts to locate Mr. Kimura.
  - 3. Statement of the last known address of non-signing inventor.

Applicants believe that they have presented all of the items necessary for granting this Petition. Accordingly, Applicants hereby request that this Renewed Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) be reconsidered and granted.

Dated: October 13, 2004

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### DECLARATION OF SHUIGHT TOMITA IN SUPPORT OF PETETION UNDER CFR. 1.47(A)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

- I, Shuichi Tomita, hereby declare and state as follows:
- 1). I am a member of the intellectual property group of Ricoh Technology Research, Inc. and I am in charge of the administrative matters concerning the above-identified application which has been assigned to Ricoh Company, Ltd. As part of my duties, I was assigned the task of trying to locate Takeshi Kimura, the third named inventor of the invention claimed in the above-identified patent application.
- 2). After diligent efforts, I have been unable to locate Takeshi Kimura. The events and facts concerning the diligent efforts to locate Mr. Kimura, as well as his last known address, are described below.

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- 3). At the time of invention, Mr. Klmura was employed by Ricoh Company, Ltd. Since that time, his employment with Ricoh Company, Ltd. ("Ricoh") has been terminated. Ricoh has subsequently been unable to reach Mr. Kimura following the filing of this patent application.
- 4). On March 10, 2004, a copy of the entire specification of the abovereferenced patent application was sent to the last known address of Mr. Takeshi Kimura,
  The Oath and Declaration was also sent in this package, for Mr. Kimura's signature. The
  package was shipped by the over-night delivery company named "Kuroneko-Yamato."
- 6). On March 11, 2004, a delivery slip was returned from Kuroneko-Yamato, stating (equivalently in Japanese) that "a recipient moved to an unknown place and therefore the package should return." This passage was written by a delivery person named Hosoy, and is circled in red on the attached copy of the delivery slip.
- 6). After March 11, 2004, we contacted several of Mr. Rimura's former colleagues at Ricoh; however, none of his former colleagues are familiar with his whereabouts. The Personnel Department at Ricoh also lists the same address information listed below, which is where the March 10, 2004 package was sent.
- 7). During the first two weeks of June 2004, several attempted telephone calls were placed to reach Mr. Kimura at his last known telephone number (045-9438724).

  None of these attempts were successful. Although the telephone line appeared operative, no one answered the calls.

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- 8). An Internet search was also conducted for information on "Takeshi Kimura." The Internet search provided no new information on Mr. Kimura's whereabours.
- 9). On June 3, 2004, we contacted the Post Office in Yokohama-shi to obtain a forwarding address for Mr. Kunura from his local Post Office. The Post Office refused our request for the personal information. At the Post Officer's suggestion, a letter stamped "URGENT" was mailed to the last known address of Mr. Kimura on June 10, 2004, but we have not received a reply to that letter.
  - 10). The last known address for Takeshi Kimura is:

Chigasaki-Minami, 4-12-4-207, Tauduki-ku

Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa-ke, Japan.

11). At this point, it seems unlikely that an inventor's declaration can be procured from Mr. Kimura as all available means to contact him have been exhausted.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful and false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified patent.

July 12, 2004

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